

## THE WEATHER

Washington, Oct. 13.—Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday.

TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR											
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NIGHT  
EXTRA

# PRESIDENT'S MIND CLEAR, DR. GRAYSON ANNOUNCES; WHITE HOUSE RESENTS RUMORS ON HIS CONDITION

## 2 SHOT IN BATTLE BETWEEN POLICE AND THUGS HERE

Patrolman and Passenger in  
Trolley Car Are Wounded in  
Chase of Alleged Thieves

## TWO FUGITIVES CAUGHT; \$1000 IN FURS RECOVERED

Five Policemen and Four Sup-  
posed Outlaws in Fracas  
After All-Night "Watch"

Two men, one a patrolman, were shot early today in a revolver duel between police and alleged thieves at Twenty-first street and Columbia avenue.

The duel, which ended with the capture of two of the alleged thieves, was the culmination of hours of patient vigil by the police over a building near where the robbery had been committed.

The injured men were Patrolman John Dougherty, of the Nineteenth and Oxford streets station, who received a bullet wound in the neck, and Jacob Reunstein, 1947 North Street, street, who was grazed by a bullet. Reunstein was a passenger on a trolley car on which one of the fleeing men sought to escape.

## \$1000 in Furs Stolen

The fur robbery occurred early yesterday morning at the shop of Mrs. Katie Levitt, 2204 Columbia avenue. About \$1000 worth of furs were taken. Soon after word of the robbery had been sent out, a small touring car drove up to 2109 Columbia avenue, where there is a meeting room known as Liberty Hall.

One man in the car stepped out and carried several bulky bundles into the building, two blocks from the scene of the robbery.

Dougherty, suspecting that the thieves meant to store the furs in the building, telephoned to the station house for help.

Patrolmen Krause, Peacock, Heine and Herlinger responded.

The policemen surrounded themselves in the rear of the building. One patrolman covered the rear of the house.

## Vigil Continues Until Dawn

The vigil continued until near dawn today. A wagon drawn by one horse was observed carrying out of Columbia avenue. About a block to the rear a trolley car moved in the same direction.

A man was seen to step from the building under surveillance. He looked up and down the avenue, then beckoned to the driver of the wagon.

As the team was swung to the curb two men running on foot, the three others entered the building and emerged quickly, carrying the bundles afterward found to contain the stolen furs.

As the packages were tossed into the vehicle Dougherty and his fellow patrolmen ran toward the little group, revolvers drawn. The trolley car was passing the building at that moment and the detail tried to steal around it and surprise the alleged thieves.

But they were detected and the four men ran down Columbia avenue. All five policemen fired and fired back.

## Dougherty Wounded in Neck

Dougherty fell with a flesh wound in the neck. His revolver clattered to the sidewalk.

One of the fugitives jumped aboard the trolley car at Twenty-first street. The car had stopped to discharge a passenger.

The man ran to the rear of the car and emptied his revolver at the police. Reunstein, a passenger turned at the sound of the fugitive's gunfire. He held a bullet grazed Reunstein's forehead and he fell back into his seat.

The car was stopped. The alleged thief, brandishing his weapon, forced the motorman to open the door. He leaped out and escaped.

Meanwhile two of the fugitives had been caught. They gave their names as Daniel Donahoe and Frank Smith. Both will be given a hearing today before Magistrate Grellis in the Nineteenth and Oxford streets station.

Mrs. Levitt has identified the furs stolen from her shop. Four hundred dollars' worth are still missing. The police have the number of the automobile used by the men.

## HIT BY CAR AGAIN; UNHURT

Ardmore Man Gets Fourth Jolt  
Without Serious Injury

Automobiles as instruments of death are losing their reputation for safety. Within a year he was struck yesterday by a machine.

Wielan was riding along Lancaster avenue with Joseph Power, his business partner, when the machine suddenly began to spit fire and then stopped. Wielan jumped from his seat to the ground to examine the engine, and was struck directly into the path of the car of J. E. Kearns, also of the Main Line.

He was struck and thrown several feet. Excitement prevailed and traffic was held up many minutes before it was ascertained that Wielan had not been seriously injured.

He was badly shaken up but not seriously hurt.

## Meteorological Facts

Tonight and Tuesday see clouds drifting. Present cold will not endure. Moderate north to east winds shifting. Cloudy rising temperature.

## FEDERAL ACTION TO PREVENT COAL STRIKE EXPECTED

Reports From Washington Indi-  
cate Governmental Inter-  
vention in Controversy

## OFFICIALS STILL IN HOPE OF AMICABLE SOLUTION

Chief of City Water Bureau Or-  
ders Rush Shipments to  
Pumping Stations

Some official action, either by President Wilson or a member of his cabinet, to avert the threatened strike of soft-coal miners, called for November 3, is to be expected, it was said today at the White House.

Officials regard the controversy as one requiring governmental action if other efforts to avert a tie-up of the coal mines should fail.

Officials are hopeful that the miners and operators will work out an amicable solution of the controversy. Reports that it was probable negotiations would be resumed were read with interest at the White House.

There was no indication that the administration had determined upon a line of action should it find it necessary to take a hand. It is agreed, however, that a strike of the coal miners would have such a far-reaching effect that action by the government to prevent it is "absolutely necessary."

The miners demand a 30 per cent increase in pay, a six-hour working day and a five-day working week. The operators say these demands are an imposition upon the public, who will have to pay the increased cost of the coal.

## Rush Shipments Asked

Chief Davis, of the Bureau of Water, today instructed Philadelphia soft-coal contractors to rush shipments of coal to the various pumping stations of the city.

Chief Davis in this way hopes to keep the city water department's bunkers full in the event of a strike.

The Bureau of Water consumes 500 tons of soft coal a day—100 tons at the Torresdale station; the remainder is divided up between Lardner's Point station and the Shawmont station. There is on hand at the present time a thirty-day supply at Torresdale and a forty-day supply at Shawmont.

Chief Davis's orders ask for a sixty-day supply on hand at both stations by November 1. Efforts will be made to keep the supply two months ahead until the expiration of the Bureau of Water's contract with the coal dealers next April.

## Operators Blame Miners

Thomas T. Brewster, an operator, chairman of the conference, issued a statement blaming the miners.

He expressed regret that the conference had brought about no practical readjustment of the differences involved, but admitted that although they had been a failure, the operators would meet the miners' representatives again any time the miners requested it.

Neither side made any definite statement regarding concessions to the other, but both are expected to modify their attitude in another series of conferences.

## Possible Intervention

Regarding the matter of averting a strike, Mr. Seales said:

"There is a possibility without a probability some third party may step in and bring about settlement. I have no idea regarding whether a third party might be. It might be the government, the National Coal Association or some other agency."

"We want neither a strike nor government intervention. The operators want the latter. Doctor Garfield, federal mediator, has been willing to mediate, but he was accepted, might be recalled to handle the matter during the illness of the President, who will be featured by unrest in the soft coal and allied industries because of the threatened strike," he predicted.

## MORNING WALKERS SHIVER

Lowest Temperature of This Fall  
Recorded Today

The lowest temperature this fall was registered at 7 o'clock this morning when the mercury showed 41 degrees.

From then on it got warmer, and at 10 o'clock the temperature was 48 degrees. It advanced another degree in the next half hour. By 3 o'clock the weather should be moderately warm, the weather man said.

But he warned against putting thick overcoats back in camp. The trace of frost last night, he said, was a forerunner of more to follow. Tomorrow will be cool and cloudy, he predicts.

## ARMY TRUCK DRIVER KILLED

Six Others Seriously Injured in Col-  
lision With Street Car

Washington, Oct. 13.—(By A. P.)—Private Edward Southern, driver of an army motor truck, was killed and six other persons were seriously injured today in a collision between a street car and a truck near the Walter Reed Military Hospital. All of the injured were passengers on the car.

The truck was overturned and the front of the street car demolished.

## STEEL STRIKE MOTION BIG ROCK IN CURRENT OF INDUSTRIAL PARLEY

Refusal of Arbitration Would Administer Rebuke to  
Radical Leadership, but Might Partly Sacri-  
fice Influence of Gompers

## CAPITAL PLAYS INTO HANDS OF SYNDICALISTS BY ADVOCACY OF PLAN TO ELIMINATE UNIONS

By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN  
Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger

Washington, Oct. 13.—The great speculative topic connected with the resumption of the sessions of the National Industrial Conference tomorrow is the character of its action on the resolution that the conference adjudicate the steel strike.

The committee of fifteen resumed its sitting today. Its time was solely devoted to the discussion of the resolution which contemplates the appointment of a committee of six members, two from each group representing employers, labor and the people, to adjust the differences existing between employers and employees in the steel strike.

There are two versions of the failure of the conference to act on it last Friday. The vote in the committee if taken then would have been very close; a majority of one, and not more than two votes, settling the question either way.

One member of the people's group who had favored the resolution hesitated over night. He asked the committee for further time to consider it, and gave as a reason an attempt to secure the sympathy and co-operation of the Steel Corporation in a move toward arbitration.

This member wanted to discover if it would not accept an affirmative decision of the conference on the ground, not of abandoning its principle as defined by Judge Gary in refusing to meet the union leaders, but yielding in a desire to demonstrate its interest in any effort to perfect an understanding between all capital and labor.

## Guard Against Haste

The other version concerns the desire of several members to get away from Washington and in private give the subject the consideration it demanded, to rid the decision of any suggestion of haste or inconsiderate action.

Ever since the introduction of the Gompers resolution for settlement of the strike it has been given major prominence in the dispatches because it is the one big rock that thrusts itself upward into the center of the current of the conference's work. More depends upon its acceptance or rejection, and the spirit in which the matter is handled, than on any issue that will come before the conference, except the recognition of the union.

Concretely, the question, Mr. Gompers, as the leader of the conservative wing of union labor, in contradistinction to the radical or Bolshevik group, desires to see the radical leadership that has assumed control of the strike.

The belief has been expressed that had it not been for the danger that the radical element among the strikers would have tossed their hats in the air and declared that the adoption of the resolution was a victory gained through fear of them and their followers, the conference would have settled the matter.

The other side of the problem presents this issue: is it better to yield now and agree to the Gompers proposal in this specific instance for the sake of a local and temporary peace, or to ignore it in the interest of the greater issues that lie in the future for capital and labor?

The increasing number of strikes and the importance add to the gravity of the situation. There is a feeling that the radical alien element in labor organizations, the extremists and revolutionary leaders are growing desperate and forcing strikes wherever possible in order to force recognition of the union, a feeling that will discountenance them for the future.

The New York dock strikers' refusal to unload thousands of tons of periodicals and foodstuffs from incoming ships, and their defiance of the requests of Secretary Baker that they unload army transports is proof of this leadership.

## Issue Involves Altoona Strike

A walkout of railroad shop hands at Altoona in alleged violation of a contract is another instance. Particularly since Ben M. Jewell, a member of the conference and acting president of the railway employees department of the American Federation of Labor, found it necessary on Saturday last to wire the railroad heads to proceed to Altoona and notify those out on illegal strike to return to work at once.

As to whether, in the approaching contests in the industrial conference, the labor group might, under certain conditions, refuse to recognize the action of the conference and withdraw, is a consideration no one cares to discuss. With the conservative element in control this is not likely to occur.

## WHERE THERE'S SMOKE

So He Sends in Fire Alarm—Neighbor  
bor Only Starting Furnace

Jacob Cligman, 3028 Kensington avenue, went down in his cellar last evening.

He sniffed.

He smelled smoke.

He finally located it as emerging from his neighbor's home and, being a cautious man, turned in an alarm.

Firemen investigated.

Cligman's neighbor was only building his first fire of the year in his furnace. Anyhow, Cligman was satisfied.

## FOUR MORE AUTOS STOLEN

Three Taken on Street, Fourth  
From Garage

Frederick G. Spanner, grain dealer, of 915 Duncannon street, left his \$1250 automobile at Broad street and Columbia avenue last night. When he returned thieves had driven off in it.

Joseph Kieber, of 620 North Broad street, reported that his \$600 auto was stolen from Fifteenth and Green streets.

Robbers broke into a garage at Opal street and Glenwood avenue last night and stole the \$400 automobile of William Ray, of 4616 North Thirteenth street.

The \$400 car of Calvin A. Poorman, of 142 Mannheim street, Germantown, was stolen last night from Sixty-first and Sanson streets.

## BRITISH LAND LETT SOLDIERS AT IBAU TO FIGHT FOR RIGA

One Copenhagen Dispatch Says  
Expedition Was Repulsed  
Before City Fell

## BERLIN ISSUES DENIAL OF PEACE VIOLATION

Meanwhile, London Hears Ger-  
man Intrigue Has Been  
Carefully Planned

London, Oct. 13.—Two separate dispatches have been received here from Copenhagen relative to the landing of Lettish forces from British warships at Ibaou. The first says:

A dispatch from Berlin says 50,000 Lettish troops have landed at Ibaou from British warships and that they will attack the flank of Colonel Axeloff-Bernhardt's troops which took Riga.

The second says:

"Claiming to have checked the attack of Lettish troops who landed at Ibaou from British warships and who attacked the left bank of the city, Colonel Axeloff-Bernhardt, commander of the Lettish forces of the 'Russian general government,' has since taken Riga, invited the Lettish and Estonians to counter with him at Miltava."

The belief of his friends is that he will be able to do so.

## Fear of Arterial Lesions

The best information at hand regarding his condition that is available confirms what has all along been said in this correspondence. This extraordinary career being taken of the President has to do, not with what has happened to him, but with what may happen to him. The physicians have feared arterial lesions. The reason why they have done so is disclosed in the statement attributed to Doctor De Schweinitz, of Philadelphia, the eye specialist who examined Mr. Wilson in Paris.

Eight years ago, while still governor of New Jersey, the President burst a blood vessel in one eye. His sight has been impaired ever since. The bursting of this blood vessel has made Admiral Grayson fearful of the bursting of other blood vessels. All of Doctor Grayson's treatment of Mr. Wilson since he has been President has kept this possibility in mind.

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## FRIENDS OF PRESIDENT INDIGNANT AT GOSSIP Think Executive, Weakened in Nation's Service, Should Receive Sympathy, Not Censure.

Senate Had Plan to Grill Grayson

## Grayson On Grill Suggested

Washington, Oct. 13.—Today's bulletin ought to end the hysterical campaign in the Senate for an inquiry into the exact state of the President's health. It probably will not stop the issuance of rumors at the Capitol, for senators who have been acting on the theory that the physicians of Mr. Wilson were in a conspiracy to deceive the country will not be persuaded by their statement that the President's temperature and blood pressure are normal.

The attitude at the Capitol has stirred bitter indignation among the friends of the President, who feel that the Chief Executive is entitled to sympathy in his illness and patience on the part of Congress and the nation.

He has been sick only two weeks. Public business has not suffered. When he returned from his trip he signed two hundred or more public documents before the physicians forbade him all labor. And since then he is said to have discussed the treaty situation perfectly clearly for more than an hour with those who have access to his bedside and to have prepared a communication to the American people.

Whether he will be permitted to act upon the bills that are soon to come before him is a question for the physicians. The belief of his friends is that he will be able to do so.

The truth is that most of the rumors of the gravity of the President's illness spring from the Senate. In the Senate are many persons who hate and distrust the President and who have talked themselves into the belief that the country is the victim of a conspiracy to palm off a permanently disabled man upon the nation as President and behind this fiction to usurp the office of the presidency. So many senators have repeated this story so often that it has become a part of the public mind.

Insanity Story Credited to Moses

The Moses story was typical. The President had barely returned to Washington and the favorite first blush theory of those who think only the most of everything that happens at the White House, namely, that the President was only shamming illness to obtain sympathy was hardly abandoned than the story that the President was insane spread through the Senate. This story was credited to Senator Moses, who is said to have said:

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## HANDLEY-PAGE PLANE REACHES MINEOLA

MINEOLA, N. Y., Oct. 13.—The huge Handley-Page bomber, piloted by the veteran British flier, Admiral Mark Kerr, which left Greenport, Long Island, at 11:20 this morning, landed at Mitchell Field here short after noon. The plane started from Portsmouth, N. S., and encountered several mishaps. It was originally intended that the machine should attempt a trans-continental flight.

## MARINES COMING HOME FROM HAITI AND SAN DOMINGO

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—More than 1200 men of the marine corps serving in Haiti and San Domingo, who enlisted for the period of the war, will be brought back to the United States and demobilized before January 1. Secretary Daniels said today replacements were being provided as rapidly as recruits could be obtained and trained and that the southward movement now was about 400 men a month.

## F.R. SHOPMEN'S STRIKE ENDS

About 15,000 Workers at Altoona  
and Hollidaysburg Return

Altoona, Pa., Oct. 13.—(By A. P.)—The strike of Pennsylvania Railroad shopmen, which started in this city and Hollidaysburg, near here, last Wednesday, ended at 3 p. m. today.

The decision to call off the strike was reached at a union meeting last night, but at an hour too late to get word to all the men in time to start at the usual hour this morning.

About 15,000 men were involved in the strike, which began last Thursday because of the appointment of an assistant foreman to whom the men objected, claiming it to be a violation of a supposed seniority rule. This was denied by the railroad company.

## STEAMER IN DISTRESS

Port Chalmers Goes to Aid of Am-  
monociss, in Danger of Sinking

Boston, Oct. 13.—(By A. P.)—Anxiety about the British steamer Port Chalmers, which was reported on fire at sea Saturday night, was dispelled today when a radio message from the coastguard cutter Aushnet said that the Port Chalmers was not in any trouble and was proceeding with two other vessels to the assistance of the wooden steamer Ammonociss.

The Ammonociss, the message said, was looking for and aft and would be in danger of sinking if her pumps gave out.

## LIVES 'HERE IN HARRISBURG'

Negro Mammy Found Wandering in  
Roxborough by Police

Flaminia Tate, a sixty-year-old negro mammy, was found wandering early today in the neighborhood of Ridge and Lyceum avenues, Roxborough.

"I don't know where I am," she said, when she was taken to the station.

"Where's that?"

"Right here in Harrisburg," she replied.

Flaminia told a suitcase in which were two pairs of stockings, a couple of waists, three hats, a cornucopia, a generous supply of tobacco, and three boxes of matches.

She was taken to City Hall, after she had a smoke.

## TROLLEY SEVERS GIRL'S LEG

Victim Stepped in Front of Car at  
Twelfth and Arch Streets

Wheels of a trolley car cut off the left leg of Miss Thelma Demosky, twenty-one years old, 1725 North Marston street, this morning in an accident at Twelfth and Arch streets.

Miss Demosky alighted from an east-bound Arch street car at Twelfth street and stepped in front of a car going in the opposite direction. She was knocked down and the wheels passed over her leg.

Persons in a passing automobile picked up the young woman and took her to the hospital.

## Hurt by Jump From Car

Jesse Green, twenty-five years old,  
of Savannah, Ga., was severely in-  
jured today when he attempted to jump  
from a freight car on which he was  
riding at North Penn junction. The  
speed of the car was so great he was  
thrown across the tracks along with  
a railing. He was taken to St. Luke's  
Hospital in the patrol of the Ger-  
mantown avenue and Lyceum street  
station.

## WILSON CAPABLE OF FILLING DUTY, DOCTOR DECLARES

Physician, However, Requires  
Patient to Rest—Stands on  
Official Bulletins

## CONDITION UNCHANGED; HAS GOOD NIGHT'S REST

Foreign Relations Committee  
Discusses Situation—Disabil-  
ity Question Not Raised

## Condition 'Much the Same' as for Several Days

Washington, Oct. 13.—A bulletin, issued at 12:15 p. m. today from the White House on the President's condition, says:

"The President's condition remains much the same as for the last several days. His temperature, with the exception of one day, pulse and respiration rate, heart action and blood pressure are normal and have been so since the onset of his illness. His kidneys are functioning normally."

(Signed) "GRAYSON," "RUFFIN," "STITT."

By the Associated Press

Washington, Oct. 13.—President Wilson's condition remains much the same as for the last several days, and his organs are functioning normally, said a bulletin issued today by his physicians.

After the bulletin was issued, Doctor Grayson said he and the other physicians attending the President would continue to stand on their bulletins and would not deny rumors as to the President's condition, or enter into any discussions concerning them.

Doctor Grayson said that, while he would insist that the President remain quiet and not participate in affairs of state, some occasion might arise where he would have to give his consent to the President taking executive action. He added that the President's mind was clear, and that he was perfectly capable of forming instant judgment on any matter that might come up.

## Won't Conceal Any Change

Doctor Grayson gave assurance that if any material change occurred in the President's condition the fact would be made known. Nothing would be kept from the public if the President's condition should become suddenly critical, he said.

While indicating that he has every confidence in the President's ultimate recovery, Doctor Grayson feels that he must guard carefully against any possible relapse.

Earlier advice at the White House said that, after another good night, President Wilson showed further signs of improvement.

White House officials resented publication of reports that the President's condition was such that he could not attend to his official duties without the aid of his physicians, but said that the President could sign bills today if they were placed before him, but he was not putting them before him, one official said.

## Must Remain Quiet

Those close to the President said they had every confidence that he would regain his health, although he must continue to obey his physicians' orders to remain in bed for an "extensive period" and resign himself to the utmost quietude and relaxation.

There is no reason why legislation now ready for the President's action should not be placed before him, Secretary Tamm said, but decision as to this rests with Rear Admiral Grayson, his personal physician. Bills now ready for executive action include the prohibition enforcement measures and the

## DERCUM RAPS MOSES AS BACKSTAIRS GOSSIP

Nerve Specialist Assails Senator  
for Statement That President  
Has "Cerebral Lesion"

Dr. Francis N. Dercum assailed Senator George H. Moses, of New Hampshire, today for his statement that President Wilson had suffered a cerebral lesion and that concentration of mind might reopen the lesion, with fatal results.

"I've got my opinion of Senator Moses or anybody else," he said, "who use backstairs gossip or porch-climbing methods."

Any information concerning the President's condition you will have to get from Washington. I have nothing to say."

"Will you go to Washington today and consult over the President's condition?"

"No, not today."

Seen earlier in regard to the Moses statement, Dr. Dercum had declared it "nonsense." He wanted to know whether Senator Moses was a doctor.

"We cannot listen," said Doctor Dercum, "to the opinions, predictions and guesses of every one who volunteers some expression relative to the President's condition."

## When You Think of Writing

Think of WILSON